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**FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Copies of all non-U.S. patent documents and non-U.S. published patent application documents on the PTO-1449 form are attached.

Submitted herewith is a copy (with English translation as appropriate) of an Official Search Report of the European Patent Office in counterpart foreign application No. PCT/US2004/028537 filed September 2, 2004.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure statement shall not be construed to be an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

#### **TIME OF FILING**

This information disclosure statement is being filed to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), no certification or fee is required.

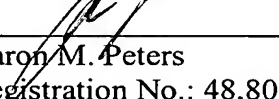
#### **METHOD OF PAYMENT**

It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 29757/P-759. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
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		WO03083789	10/9/03	PCT	G07F			

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)		
		International Search Report, PCT Application No. PCT/US2004/028537 dated December 13, 2004, and mailed December 21, 2004.
		Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority, PCT Application No. PCT/US2004/028537 mailed December 21, 2004.

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